

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to address multiple impairments in the Roanoke (Staunton) River Basin and its tributaries. The affected streams were identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report and Virginia's 2002 303(d) Report on Impaired Waters as impaired due to violations of Virginia's water quality standards for fecal coliform bacteria. The streams are therefore not supporting the Primary Contact Recreation (swimmable) Designated Use. The impairments include: 39.16 miles of the Roanoke River, 2.7 miles of Turnip Creek, 14.21 miles of Cub Creek, and 2.88 miles of an unnamed tributary of Buffalo Creek. These impairments are located in Pittsylvania, Campbell, Halifax, and Charlotte Counties.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The first public meeting on the development of the Roanoke River Basin TMDL will be held on **Thursday, September 2, 2004, 7:00 p.m.** in the dining room of the Brookneal Community Center located at 261 Main Street in Brookneal, Virginia.

The public comment period for this phase of the TMDL development will end on October 4, 2004. A fact sheet on the development of the Roanoke River TMDL is available upon request or can be viewed at the DEQ website at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl>. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Kelly Wills. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Kelly J. Wills, Department of Environmental Quality, 7705 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, Virginia, 24502, telephone (434) 582-5120 ext. 6042, fax (434) 582-5125, or e-mail kjwills@deq.virginia.gov.